



ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2005-06

1976 Thatcher Blvd., Safford, AZ 85546

Gila Educational Group dba Gila Preparatory Academy

AZ LEARNS¹

Elementary Achievement Profile (a)

2004-05	Performing
2003-04	Not Evaluated
2002-03	New School

(a) For additional information, please refer to Achievement Profiles Page near end of document.

No Child Left Behind

Adequate Yearly Progress (b)

2004-05	Met
2003-04	Not Met
2002-03	Not Met

School Improvement Status (b)

2004-05	N/A
2003-04	N/A
2002-03	N/A

(b) For additional information, please refer to the AYP page in this report card.

Arizona's report cards have been revised to include requirements in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, such as Adequate Yearly Progress and the disaggregation of student level data into required subgroups.

School Overview

Principal/Administrator : Mrs. Kathy Jerome Maxwell
 Schedule : 07:30 AM to 04:00 PM
 Grades : 6-8
 2005 Enrollment : 42
 Web Address :
 Phone Number : (928) 348-8688
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Mission

Gila Preparatory Academy provides a nurturing environment for the intellectual, creative, and social development of all students. This nurturing takes place in a positive, cooperative setting. Our students envision the future and their role in it.

School / Academic Goals

- ü Students will have the opportunity to learn and progress at a pace commensurate to their ability level while participating in interdisciplinary activities that are designed to meet state standards.
- ü Students will learn, experience, and have the opportunity to apply the skills and attributes of responsible citizens by helping to create and maintain a safe and orderly environment.
- ü Students will internalize life-long learning as modeled by staff and parents.
- ü Students leave prepared to meet their future; to live a life with simple but unchangeable truths, devoid of apathy and despair, filled with hope, success, and happiness. They will be equipped with the ability to change themselves and their future.

Enrollment

October 1, 2004 School Year Student Enrollment : 54
 Accepting New Students in 2005-06 Under Open Enrollment Law : ² Yes
 Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2004-05 : 40

Instructional Programs

- Ü Choir
- Ü Drama
- Ü Strings
- Ü Computers
- Ü P.E.
- Ü Character Counts
- Ü Spanish

Calendar Information

Number of Instruction Days :	151
Average Daily Instruction Time :	7 hours 10 minutes
First Day of School :	8/9/2005
Last Day of School :	5/26/2006

Shared Responsibilities

School

Gila Preparatory Academy staff assures parents that their students have a learning environment that is safe and stimulating. The individual student's academic needs will be addressed. Discipline will be appropriate to the situation. The staff will be responsive and accessible.

Parents

Parents will encourage their students to follow school rules, complete work in a timely fashion, and show respect for themselves and those around them.

Transportation Policy

Gila Preparatory Academy does not provide bus service to and from school. We depend on parents to bring their children to school and pick them up at the end of the day.

School Honors

Awards or Special Recognition Received By the School, Staff or Students

Award/Honor

Year

8th Grade

Mathematics	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	17	17	78250	94	94	99	508	508	548	50	50	21	13	13	18	38	38	48	0	0	13
All Students (Prior Year)	18	18	75001	100	100	99	426	426	468	78	78	37	17	17	36	6	6	16	0	0	10
Female	NC	NC	38071	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	549	NC	NC	20	NC	NC	19	NC	NC	49	NC	NC	12
Male	10	10	40126	100	100	99	524	524	547	40	40	23	10	10	17	50	50	46	0	0	14
African American	NC	NC	4058	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	523	NC	NC	32	NC	NC	22	NC	NC	41	NC	NC	5
Hispanic	NC	NC	29129	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	527	NC	NC	32	NC	NC	23	NC	NC	40	NC	NC	6
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1747	--	--	100	--	--	589	--	--	9	--	--	9	--	--	50	--	--	32
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	4996	--	--	100	--	--	518	--	--	36	--	--	25	--	--	36	--	--	4
White	11	11	38320	92	92	99	521	521	568	36	36	12	9	9	14	55	55	55	0	0	19
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	9329	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	454	NC	NC	64	NC	NC	18	NC	NC	16	NC	NC	2
Students without Disabilities	15	15	68996	88	88	99	518	518	561	43	43	16	14	14	18	43	43	52	0	0	14
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	10133	--	--	100	--	--	488	--	--	45	--	--	25	--	--	28	--	--	2
Migrant Students	--	--	83	--	--	NA	--	--	520	--	--	39	--	--	28	--	--	30	--	--	4
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	33388	--	--	94	--	--	530	--	--	32	--	--	22	--	--	40	--	--	5
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	17	17	44937	100	100	100	508	508	561	50	50	13	13	13	15	38	38	54	0	0	18

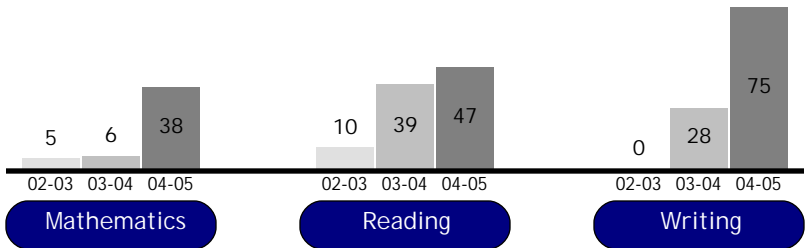
Reading	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	18	18	78302	100	0	99	494	494	512	41	41	11	12	12	25	47	47	57	0	0	7
All Students (Prior Year)	18	18	74918	100	100	99	473	473	497	56	56	32	6	6	19	33	33	35	6	6	15
Female	NC	NC	38082	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	518	NC	NC	8	NC	NC	24	NC	NC	61	NC	NC	7
Male	10	10	40166	100	0	99	509	509	507	30	30	14	10	10	26	60	60	54	0	0	6
African American	NC	NC	4064	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	498	NC	NC	14	NC	NC	29	NC	NC	54	NC	NC	3
Hispanic	NC	NC	29152	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	492	NC	NC	17	NC	NC	34	NC	NC	46	NC	NC	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1746	--	--	100	--	--	542	--	--	5	--	--	13	--	--	66	--	--	16
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	4993	--	--	100	--	--	484	--	--	19	--	--	38	--	--	42	--	--	1
White	12	12	38347	100	0	99	508	508	531	25	25	5	17	17	17	58	58	68	0	0	10
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	9353	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	429	NC	NC	40	NC	NC	38	NC	NC	22	NC	NC	1
Students without Disabilities	15	15	69024	88	0	99	504	504	524	36	36	7	7	7	23	57	57	62	0	0	7
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	10140	--	--	100	--	--	451	--	--	28	--	--	43	--	--	29	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	83	--	--	NA	--	--	480	--	--	29	--	--	36	--	--	35	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	33398	--	--	94	--	--	495	--	--	18	--	--	35	--	--	46	--	--	2
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	18	18	44979	100	0	100	494	494	525	41	41	6	12	12	18	47	47	66	0	0	10

Writing	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	18	18	78094	100	100	99	531	531	545	6	6	3	19	19	18	69	69	77	6	6	2
All Students (Prior Year)	18	18	74503	100	100	99	429	429	491	22	22	9	50	50	32	28	28	51	0	0	8
Female	NC	NC	38025	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	558	NC	NC	2	NC	NC	13	NC	NC	82	NC	NC	2
Male	NC	NC	40013	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	534	NC	NC	5	NC	NC	23	NC	NC	71	NC	NC	1
African American	NC	NC	4037	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	532	NC	NC	4	NC	NC	22	NC	NC	73	NC	NC	1
Hispanic	NC	NC	29068	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	523	NC	NC	5	NC	NC	27	NC	NC	67	NC	NC	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1743	--	--	100	--	--	577	--	--	2	--	--	9	--	--	82	--	--	8
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	4981	--	--	100	--	--	526	--	--	4	--	--	25	--	--	70	--	--	0
White	12	12	38265	100	100	99	516	516	564	8	8	2	25	25	11	67	67	84	0	0	3
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	9275	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	444	NC	NC	14	NC	NC	46	NC	NC	39	NC	NC	1
Students without Disabilities	15	15	68892	88	88	98	549	549	559	0	0	2	8	8	14	85	85	82	8	8	2
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	10084	--	--	100	--	--	474	--	--	10	--	--	39	--	--	50	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	81	--	--	NA	--	--	504	--	--	12	--	--	27	--	--	60	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	33296	--	--	94	--	--	527	--	--	5	--	--	27	--	--	67	--	--	0
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	18	18	44871	100	100	100	531	531	559	6	6	2	19	19	12	69	69	84	6	6	3

NC = Not Calculated (less than 10 students) Dashes (--) = No Data Available NA = Not Applicable S = School D = District

Recent Trends in Student Proficiency on the State Standards (AIMS Test)

8th Grade Proficiency



The graph includes the percentage of students that met or exceeded the standards. NC = Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC.

The table below shows the schools that met or did not meet based on federal AYP requirements. To meet AYP for the year, all applicable goals must be met.

AYP Determination	Met Percent Tested?	Y
	Met Test Objectives?	Y
	Met Attendance Rate?	Y
	Met Graduation Rate?	Not Evaluated
	Made AYP?	Yes

Glossary:

Adequate Yearly Progress

A measure of school performance as mandated by the federal government in the No Child Left Behind. AYP holds schools accountable for the performance of subgroups, as well as all students. AYP measures school toward the goal of having 100 percent of all students proficient in state standards for reading and math by 2013-14.

Met Percent Tested:

The school or district tested at least ninety-five percent (95%) of its students enrolled at the time of the test administration. Schools and districts must test at least 95 percent of their student in order to make AYP.

Met Test Objectives:

The percentage of students in the school or district that demonstrate proficiency in state standards by passing the AIMS test meets or exceeds the goal for that year. No Child Left Behind requires that Arizona set goals, called Annual Measurable Objectives, for the percentage of students passing AIMS for all public schools and districts in the state. The goals increase over time toward 100 percent passing by 2014. To meet the test objectives, every subgroup in the school must meet the Annual Measurable Objective.

Met Attendance Rate:

The school or district had an attendance rate of at least 90 percent over the first 100 days of the academic year. Schools and districts not serving high school students must have an attendance rate of 90 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Met Graduation Rate:

The school or district had a four-year graduation rate of 71 percent or greater. School or districts granting a high school diploma must have a graduation rate of 71 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Achievement Test Results

Stanford 9 and TerraNova/AIMS DPA

Grade	Content Area	2002-2003 (SAT9)				2003-2004 (SAT9)				2004-2005 (TerraNova)			
		%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ
6	Reading	--	--	NC	53	100	27	NA	56	100	39	39	51
	Language	--	--	NC	45	100	14	14	48	100	34	34	47
	Mathematics	--	--	NC	62	100	19	19	66	100	40	40	52
7	Reading	--	--	30	51	93	45	NA	54	89	43	43	50
	Language	--	--	30	54	100	48	48	58	89	36	36	52
	Mathematics	--	--	24	58	93	33	33	62	78	24	24	50
8	Reading	--	--	36	53	85	39	NA	55	100	40	40	51
	Language	--	--	16	49	85	19	19	52	100	43	43	50
	Mathematics	--	--	32	58	80	30	30	61	94	38	38	53

Starting in Spring 2004-05, students were tested using AIMS DPA and TerraNova. AIMS DPA is a statewide assessment that is both standards-based, measuring student's knowledge against the Arizona Academic Standards, and norm-referenced, comparing student knowledge against students nationwide. TerraNova was administered to all students in grades 2 and 9. It is important to note the TerraNova/AIMS DPA and Stanford 9 test results are not comparable. For more information on the TerraNova and AIMS DPA, see our website at www.ade.az.gov/standards/

The Stanford 9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test. Since 1999, all students in grades 2 through 9 have been tested in Reading, Mathematics and Language. The percentage (%) of eligible students tested and the school's percentile ranks are listed above. State average percentile ranks for Arizona and District are provided for comparison. Note that the average percentile ranks for the nation are 50 for all content areas in all grades. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten students have been replaced with NC (not calculated) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (-) to indicate "no data available."

Gila Preparatory Academy Middle School

School Site Council

Council Composition

2 School Administrator(s)
 0 Non-certified Employee(s)
 0 Teacher(s)
 0 Parent(s)
 3 Community Member(s)
 0 Student(s)

Council Duties

Ü Policy Decisions
 Ü Staffing
 Ü Site Issues

Staffing Information for School Year 2005-06

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.40	Teacher	3.00
Other Professional Staff	.35	Teacher Aide	.75

Years of Teaching Experience for School Year 2005-06

Experience	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	3	0	0	0
4 to 6 years	0	0	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	0	0	0
10 or more years	0	0	0	0

Highly Qualified (NCLB) School Year 2004-05

Core academic classes taught by Highly Qualified (NCLB) teachers.	20
Teachers with Emergency Certificaton.	0
Percent of teachers in the school with Emergency/Provisional Certification	0%
Percent of core classes not taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	80%

Resources Available at School Site

Special Facilities

Ü Computer Lab
 Ü Library

Extracurricular Activities

Ü Student Council
 Ü Relay for Life

Social Services

Ü SEABHS/New Turf Prevention
 Ü Parents Anonymous
 Ü GATE/Tobacco Education

Indicators of Success Based on Historical Data from 2004-05

School Achievements/Accomplishments 2004-05

- ü The students in the Strings class participated in a county-wide strings concert. They also played the processional and recessional at the eighth grade promotion and high school graduation.
- ü Twelve middle school class officers served as active members of the Gila Preparatory Academy's Student Council. They planned and executed many highly successful activities throughout the school year.
- ü The seventh grade class completed a workshop on tobacco education presented by G.A.T.E. Using this knowledge about smoking cessation and prevention, they performed a puppet show before various grade school classes.

Student Activity Rates for School Year 2004-05

		Arizona		
		% K-6/UE	% 7-8	% 9-12/US
Attendance Rate ⁴	91	95	94	95
Transfers Out Rates ⁵	24	12	12	17
Transfers In Rate ⁶	26	28	28	37
Stability Rate ⁷	75	87	87	82
Promotion Rate ⁸	87	96	95	81
Retention Rate ⁹	5	1	1	3
Dropout Rate ¹⁰	5	0	1	6
Status Unknown ¹¹	1	0	1	4
Graduation Rate ¹²	NA	NA	NA	79

NA = Graduation rate does not apply to K-8.

K-6/UE - Kindergarten to Grade 6 including Ungraded Elementary (UE).

9-12/US - 9th grade to 12th grade including Ungraded Secondary (US).

School Safety

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

We have implemented a behavior code that has three distinct components. Bullying, profanity/vulgarity, and insubordination are deemed '0' tolerance behaviors. Violation of these will result in swift, appropriate consequences. The consequences for breaking other school rules will result in various consequences that will be appropriate to the student and the situation. The code stresses changing behavior not just controlling behavior. It places responsibility for behavior on the student.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds for school year 2004-05 that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S.15-746.6) :

0

The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a hotline that allows students to report suspicious activities at schools and to get help with potentially violent situations, such as bullying, harassment, hate crimes, discrimination and gangs. The toll-free number, 1-877-900-1086, is anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

The Arizona Department of Education does not audit the information submitted by each school.

Contacts

	Name	Phone Number
School Site Council	Kathy Maxwell	(928) 348-8688
Transportation Policy	Emily Valtierra	(928) 348-8688
Community Resources	Kathy Grimes	(928) 428-4550
School Nutrition Programs	Sherli Skinner	(928) 348-8688
Parent Organization		
Student Health/Nurse	Emily Valtierra	(928) 348-8688

The Arizona School Report Card was prepared by the Arizona Department of Education using a standardized format to combine information provided by the local school with data compiled from state records. Each school has special strengths and needs, and all schools benefit from the active involvement of parents in their children's education. If you have questions about the report card or need more information, contact the school office. Arizona School Report Cards can be found for all schools at www.ade.az.gov/srcs on the Internet. "The Arizona Department of Education of the State of Arizona does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or in its hiring and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact the Administrative Services DAS at (602) 542-3186."

ACHIEVEMENT PROFILES

Arizona's Achievement Profiles capture the performance level of every school.

DEFINITIONS:

Failing to Meet the Academic Standards - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

School performance has been designated as Underperforming for three consecutive years and a site review determined that the designation of Failing to Meet the Academic Standards was warranted.

Underperforming - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

Performing - meets state performance goals.

Performing Plus - above state performance goals, however the number of students exceeding the standard on the AIMS test is not sufficient to earn a highly performing or excelling label.

Highly Performing - above state performance goals or has demonstrated adequate improvement, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

Excelling - significantly above state performance goals, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

TITLE I TERMS

Title I School Improvement Year 1

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 2

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for three consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 3 or Corrective Action

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for four consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must choose and implement at least one of six corrective actions. See Section 1116(b)(7) of NCLB for a list of the corrective action options.

Title I School Improvement Year 4 or Restructuring (Planning Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for five consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Title I School Improvement Year 5 or Restructuring (Implementation Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for six consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Footnotes

1 For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit our website at www.ade.az.gov/azlearns.

2 Under ARS 15-816, school district governing boards must implement open enrollment programs and establish policies covering admission criteria, application procedures and transportation provisions. For more information, contact the school district office.

3 Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) includes the reading, writing and mathematics subject areas. The proficiency levels include: Falls Far Below (FFB) the standard, Approaches (A) the standard, Meets or Met (M) the standard and Exceeds (E) the standard. MSS = Mean Scaled Score. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, requires disaggregation in subgroups and ethnicity. NC= Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC. For more information on testing and Arizona Academic Standards go to <http://www.ade.az.gov/AIMS/default.asp>

4 Attendance Rate: Percentage of students attending the first 100 days of the academic year.

5 Transfers Out: the rate at which students transfer out of a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

6 Transfers In: the rate at which students transfer into a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

7 Stability (s): the rate at which students starting the year at a particular school remain enrolled in that particular school until the end of a given school year.

8 Promotion Rate: Percentage of students promoted to the next grade or who met graduation requirements and received a traditional diploma at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.

9 Retention Rate: Percentage of students retained at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

10 Dropout Rate: Percentage of students counted as withdrawn due to chronic illness, expulsion or dropping out during the 2004-05 school year, to include activity during the summer of 2004. This rate includes students who were withdrawn after 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences or were coded by the school as "status unknown." The Promotion Rate, Retention Rate and Dropout Rate may not add to 100% due to the inclusion of summer activity in the Dropout Rate but not in the Promotion Rate and Retention Rate. For more information on the dropout rate study see our website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

11 Annual Status Unknown: Percentage of students unaccounted for by any method during the 2004-05 school year. Annual status unknown students are not necessarily dropouts. For more information on status unknown, see our dropout rate study website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

12 Graduation Rate: The graduation rate presented here is a 5 year cohort rate for the class of 2004. For more information on the Graduation Rate Study published by the ADE, please see our website at www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad.

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